

Teacher Example:

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Dr. Seuss's popular children's book *Oh the Places You'll Go* is an excellent display of motivation, inspiration and encouragement for people of all ages, including adults. Its message of empowerment and cheer are disguised behind Seuss's cartoons and rhyming which makes it appealing to the young children it is most popular with. It is for these reasons and more that I highly recommend this book to those who have not read it.

One reason that I recommend *Oh the Places You'll Go* is because it sends such a positive message.

Whether you are just having a sad day, or it's more serious and you've found yourself at a standstill in life, this book has a positive message you need to hear to help you through this difficult time. For example, the second page of the book announces this: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And *YOU* are the guy who'll decide where to go." This message of positive empowerment continues throughout the whole book, leaving readers to feel motivated and ready to conquer the world! A second reason that I recommend this book is because it is so versatile and appealing to a wide range of readers. While the more-adult readers are feeling empowered and motivated, even the younger readers are getting something out of it. For example, if the book's audience is too young to even read by themselves, or too young to understand words like "lag", "perch", or "hither and yon", they'll still find it enjoyable. The words *sound* entertaining and the pictures are colorful, magical and appealing to the dull *and* imaginative minds alike!

For these reasons and more, I strongly recommend Dr. Seuss's *Oh the Places You'll Go* to anyone who has not read it yet. Readers (and young listeners too) will definitely enjoy its positive message and versatility. Its silly made-up words mixed with higher-level vocabulary, combined with fun and colorful drawings, will certainly catch your attention; however, the meaning behind those words will surely carry with you, even after you close the cover.

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Comment [MSOffice2]: Proper Heading (Your name, your class, the date it's due)

Comment [MSOffice3]: It's important to mention the author's name and the title of your book in the introduction. Remember, book titles should be underlined or italicized.

Comment [MSOffice4]: Your introduction must clearly state your purpose/position: to recommend it, or NOT to recommend it.

Comment [MSOffice5]: TRANSITIONAL WORD! This indicates that you're going to support your position (to recommend the book, or not to). By using something like "One reason", this may inform your readers that there are more than one reason and they should listen for another transition to come.

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